
Bill for ascertaining the annual increase of the population of the Province.

Preamble.

WHEREAS a Census of the Population of the Province has been made in the year one thousand eight hundred and twenty-five, pursuant to an Act of the Legislature of the fifth year of His Majesty's Reign, Chapter seven, And whereas it is expedient annually to ascertain the progressive annual increase of the population of the Province ; Be it therefore enacted by the King's most Excellent Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Council and Assembly of the Province of *Lower-Canada*, constituted and assembled by virtue of and under the authority of the Act passed in the Parliament of *Great Britain*, intituled, *An Act to repeal certain parts of an Act passed in the fourteenth year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, ' An Act for making more effectual provision for the Government of the Province of Quebec, in North America,' and for making further provision for the Government of the said Province :* And it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same that it shall hereafter be the duty of the Clerks of the several Civil Courts of King's Bench or Provincial Courts in this Province, annually to prepare and digest from the Registers of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, deposited in their respective Offices in virtue of an Act of the thirty-fifth year of the Reign of His Majesty *George the Third*, Chapter four, a triplicate statement and return of the number of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials, that have taken place during the preceding year in their respective Districts, distinguishing the number of males baptised and buried from that of females, and classing them by Parishes or Seigniories and *Townships*, or reputed *Townships*, or Settlements not comprehended in any Parish, Seigniorly or *Township*, and by Counties, agreeably to the form prescribed for that purpose in the Appendix to this Act No. 1; which triplicate statement and returns, the said Clerks shall respectively lay before the Governor, Lieutenant Governor or Person administering the Government of the Province for the time being, within fifteen days after the time by Law appointed for delivering the Registers aforesaid into their respective Offices.

Clerks of the Courts to prepare annually a Statement and Return of the number of Baptisms, Marriages and Burials &c.

Such Statement and Returns to be laid before the Governor at a certain time.

The Governor to lay the said Statement and Returns before the Legislature.

II. And be it further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that the statement and returns aforesaid to be made pursuant to this Act shall